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**The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Vice Chairman  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510**

**Dear Mr. Vice Chairman:**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your letter of 14 March regarding the proposed intelligence exemption to the provisions of the Computer Fraud Act. As you know, we consider it very important to obtain such an exemption in order to clarify any ambiguity regarding the applicability of the Act to authorized intelligence activities.

I appreciate your offer of assistance, and will, as suggested, contact you should the proposed exemption not be given adequate consideration in the Senate Judiciary Committee. I am happy to be working with you to ensure that intelligence equities are protected.

Sincerely,

**/s/ William J. Casey**

William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence

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